6. Progress re fire bylaw.

7. That sec. No. 351 of the Consolidated bylaws be rescinded and the duties of the matron in the city Hospital be delegated to the Sister Superior, or head of nurses, who shall be responsible to the medical superintendent, that the same are properly performed by some one under her charge, and that a bylaw be prepared accordingly.

8. That the salaries of the Fire Department remain same as in 1883.

9. That the salary of the Medical Superintendent of the City Hospital remain the same as in 1883 ($1,100).

10. That the salary of Inspector Bell be $700.

11. That all other salaries of officers under this committee be same as in 1883.

12. That Ald. Hewitt, O'Meara, and Chief Roe and Dr. Tennant, V.S., be a committee, with power, to purchase a suitable span of horses for the Fire Department at a cost not exceeding $500, and that the black team now in use be sold.

13. That Mayor Hyman and the Chairman of this Committee be a committee with power to visit Elmira, N. Y., and purchase a No. 2 Hays' hook and ladder truck at a cost not exceeding $2,800, exclusive of freight and duty, the present hook and ladder wagon to be sold as soon as the new one arrives.

14. That a new hose wagon to carry a reserve stock of hose be purchased at a cost not exceeding $400.

On motion the report was received and considered seratim.

Clause 1st passed, also the 2nd, over an amendment by Ald. Birrell and Becher to strike out the clause. Third clause read. The bylaw was read, and the second reading moved.

Ald. Cowan and Ald. Stringer—An amendment that the words "Police Commissioners" be inserted instead of "Mayor" in regard to the granting of certain permits. Carried.

3rd Clause read.

Alderman Birrell moved seconded by Ald. Hewitt, that the words "and one quarter" be inserted after the word "pounds" in the 3rd and 7th lines of the second clause, and that all the words after "canisters" in said clause be struck out, and that the word "two" be inserted after the word "thirty" on the 8th line of Clause three, and the words "six and one quarter" be substituted for the word "five" on the 11th line in said clause 3. Carried.

Fifth clause (gas contract) read and discussed.

Ald. Scarrow moved in amendment that the settlement of the contract be deferred till next meeting.

Ald. Hunt said the acceptance of either of the four options would remain available for the five years.

The Mayor—It is a question of cost only at present. We may adopt any of the four systems of lighting at any time afterwards.

On the vote being taken, Ald. Becher raised the point that aldermen holding stock in the gas company should not vote. Objection sustained.

The clause then passed 5 to 8.

Clause 6 passed. Clause 7 read. The Council went into committee of the whole, Ald. Birrell in the chair. A motion by Ald. Becher to adopt the clause was lost and several amendments were also voted down.

Clauses 8, 9, 10 and 11 struck out, 12 passed and 13 read and moved for adoption. Ald. Becher moved in amendment that the clause be struck out. Lost Committee rose and reported.

Ald. Skinner moved, and Ald. Birrell seconded, that clause 13 be struck out. Lost. Yeas—Birrel, Skinner, Stringer, Scarrow and Becher, 5. Nays—Hunt, O'Meara, Beattie, Cowan, Hewitt and Niven, 6. On motion of Ald. Hunt the matter was referred to No. 1 Committee to report funds.

Clause 14 was struck out.

13th Clause read.

Ald. Hunt moved adoption of the clause.

Ald. Becher moved in amendment that the clause e strubck out. Lost. Motion carried.

Committee arose and Council resumed.

The chairman reported the report as ammended.

Ald. Skinner moved, seconded by Ald. Becher that clause 13 be struck out. Lost.

Ald. Hunt moved, seconded by Ald. Cowan, that the clause be referred to No. 1 Committee to report funds. Carried.

On motion the report was received and adopted.

Ald. Birrell took the chair.

CARING FOR THE AGED INDIGENTS.

Mayor Hyman then moved that No. 3 Committee be instructed to devise some scheme for establishing a house of refuge for the aged. He stated that last year the corporation paid out for the keep of old and indigent persons $2,263 40, not including those maintained at Strathroy. Ald. Stringer seconded the motion. Carried.

FIFTH REPORT NUMBER TWO COMMITTEE.

By Ald. Hewitt, chairman:

1. Payment of the following accounts: Pay sheets, $112 24; Wonacott & Coppinger, repairs, $3 29; John Bryan, sewer inspector, $29; Rogers & Cathro, on sewers, $270; Wm. Anthistle, stone breaking, $100; Screaton & Gibson, William street sewer, $400; James Cassidy, cab-hire, $2 50; Patrick O'Meara, cab-hire, $2 50; time ball service, $12 50. Total, $932 33.

2. That the Council join with London West in procuring a copy of Mr. Austin's (the Government engineer) report on the River Thames survey.

3. We will require the amount of $600 to put the City Hall in proper order, according to the estimates of the Engineer, as per resolution of last Council meeting.

4. Re tree planting bylaw.

5. Our committee visited the river on Tuesday, the 11th, to make inspection and satisfy ourselves in regard to the cause of the ice jams, and are fully satisfied that the Waterworks dam does not interfere with them in any way.

The report was adopted with the exception of No. 2, which was struck out.

Ald. Hewitt submitted an act introduced at the Local Legislature providing for the better egress from public buildings. Referred to No. 2 Committee.

FOURTH REPORT NUMBER ONE COMMITTEE.

By Ald. Birrel, Chairman—

HOSPITAL.

February pay sheet	$114 00
C. McCallum	95 40
Tytler & Bullen	241 82
James Perkins	177 27
Sam Stewart	64 46
W. Y. Brunton & Son	42 03
Thomas Brock	26 01
John Ranahan	51 60
A. D. Cameron	134 61
John Banet	5 50
Sam Cooper	70 35
D. B. Berch	11 15
J. C. Dodd & Son	10 55
Total	$930 74

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

A. D. Cameron	$ 23 57
Gutta Percha & Rubber Company	6 00
London Machine Tool Company	3 00
Freights	3 46
A. McCormick	2 00
Jas. Percival	20 27
Total	$ 58 30

RELIEF.

Geo. McNeil	$311 15
Tytler & Bullen	52 00
Total	$363 15

POLICE COURT CLERK AND P. M. OFFICE.

E. A. Taylor	$14 34

OTHER ACCOUNTS.

Insurance (G. M. Gunn & Son)	$87 50
Free Press	136 26
L. P. S. R. debentures	157 50
Board of Health (Free Press)	17 60

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Pay sheet, March 6	26 97
" " March 13	86 27
Cathro & Rogers	270 00
Wonacott & Coppinger	[illegible]
J. H. Marsh	1 76
Wm. Anthistle	100 00
John Bryan	29 00
Screaton & Gibson	$400 00
Total	$916 29
A. D. Cameron, City Hall	68 70
" " Police Station	45 13
R. S Leigh	10 50
Grand Total	$2,870 19

2. Petitions of Margaret Donnelly, Ellen Fletcher, and Mrs. Cumberledge, for tax remission, granted.

3. Petition of Ann Brandon, tax remission, rebate of $6 allowed.

4. Petition of Mrs. Ross for remission of arrears taxes 1878, rebate of interest allowed.

5. Petition of Cornelius O'Reilly, tax remission 1883, granted.

6. Petitions of J. Ryan and J. C. Appel, re income tax, filed.

7. Communication of Manager Hickson, G. T. R., referred to Special Committee on Railway Grievances.

8. That two copies af R. L. Polk's city directory be purchased.

9. Petition of Mrs. Mackay, remission of arrears in taxes, rebate of interest to Jan. 1, 1883, allowed.

10. Progress re communication from W. H. Bartram.

11. Progress in re petitions of Alex. Harvey, M. Brown, Mrs. Portwood, M. Connolly, Mrs. A. Fleming, M. Small, Mrs. McDonough, Jane Insell, M. Thompson, Jane Loyd, J. Southcott, and Thomas Parker.

12. Police Court Clerk's report for February.

13. In the petition of General Renwick, per J. H. Flock, claiming error in arrears of taxes for 1875, on block of land consisting of lots No. 18 to 22 west side Waterloo street and lots No. 18 to 22 east side Wellington, that the claim of the city be settled on a basis of the assessment of the year 1876 on said block of land with interest at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum.

14. That in the matter of the petition of W. W. Fitzgerald, the Collector, in accordance with the opinion of the City Solicitor, be instructed to return personal tax of the Ontario Toy Company as uncollectable.

15. Your committee beg to call the attention of the Council to the fact that part of lot 6 on the south side of Bathurst street and parts of lots 10 and 11 on the north side of Ann street, were not assessed for the year 1883, and would, therefore, recommend that your honorable body do direct the City Clerk to enter such lands on the collector's roll next prepared by him, as pr 'ed in section 121 of the Municipal Act of Ontario.

16. Your Committee beg to submit a communication from Mr. Joseph Grove, proposing the establishment of a factory for the manufacture of fire proof safes and combination locks, and asked free water and exemption from taxation for five years. Your Committee beg to recommend that an agreement be entered into with Mr. Grove on the conditions stated in his communication.

17. Estimated official salaries for 1884:

A. S. Abbott, city clerk	$1,100
J. M. Keary, assistant city clerk	500
John Pope, treasurer	1,500
(City to pay bond for $10,000, equal to $75).	
Thos. Tracy, engineer	1,800
R. Wigmore, P. C. clerk	600
L. W. Owens, street commissioner	750
Wm. Bell, inspector	700
Two collectors, 1 per cent, on amount collected.	
Two assessors ($500 each)	1,000
R. Mawhinney, janitor	450
J. M. Wilson, market clerk	500
J. W. Nash, wood market clerk	400
L. Powers, night watchman	350
Expense Mayor's office	600
Geo. F. Jewell, auditor	500
A. Dale	197
Jas. Grant, park ranger	600
Henry Gaunt, park ranger	240
J. G. Scragg, Exhibition Grounds	250

J. E. Inneson, engineer, $30 per month when required.

18. That the hospital salaries remain the same as in 1883, per resolution No. 3 Committee.

19. That the salaries of the Fire Department be the same as in 1883.

The first sixteen clauses were adopted; 17 read and discussed in committee of the whole. Ald. Cowan moved that that part referring to the payment by the city of the City Treasurer's bond be struck out; lost. Ald. O'Meara moved that the salary of Inspector Bell be (600); Ald. Skinner seconded; lost. On motion, the salary of Mr. Jewell was reduced to $350. An amendment by Ald Skinner to increase the salary of Mr. Inison, City Hall engineer, was lost.

An amendment by Ald. Niven to increase the salary of the head nurse of the hospital from $15 to $20 per month was carried, the salaries of the employees from that point down being referred with power to No. 3 Committee. Committee rose and reported.

Ald. Hunt moved, and Ald. Birrell seconded, that Mr. Jewell's salary be $400. Carried on the following division. Yeas—Birrell, Hunt, Hewitt, Beattie, Niven and the Mayor; nays—O'Meara, Cowan, Skinner Scarrow and Becher.

A motion to fix the salary of the head nurse at the hospital was lost on the following division: Yeas—O'Meara, Skinner and Scarrow. Nays—Birrell, Hunt, Beattie, Cowan, Hewitt, Niven and Becher.

Ald. Skinner called for the yeas and nays on his motion to increase Engineer Inison's salary from $30 to $35. Yeas—Ald. Becher, Skinner and Hewitt. Nays—Birrell, Hunt, O'Meara, Beattie, Scarrow, Niven and Cowan. Ald. Stringer had left the chamber.

Ald. Cowan's motion on striking out payment of the Treasurer's bond was lost on the following division: Yeas—Cowan, Scarrow and Skinner; balance nay.

VOTE BY BALLOT.

Ald. Beattie and Cowan—Motion that a bylaw be prepared providing that in future municipal officers be elected by ballot. Carried.

LONDON EAST WATER.

Ald. O'Meara and Becher—That no agreement granting water to London East be signed until a public meeting of city freeholders be called to discuss the question, all the aldermen being present. Lost on the following division: Yeas—Ald. O'Meara, Skinner, Hewitt and Becher; nays—Birrell, Hunt, Beattie, Cowan, Scarrow and Niven.